



SCHOOL EMPLOYER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 25, 2004

12 Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Room 1170/80, Lincoln Plaza

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Ann Music
Anthony Suine
Jean Krum
Beth Qualle
Carol Cook
Cheryl Salvador
Dawn Evans
Joanne Snow
Carolyn Nielsen
Sharon Magnison
Lynda Joseph

Beth Brakenbury
Mary Saenz
Ken Marzion
Kim Deadmore
Lori McGartland
Mike Hardin
Pam Fowler
Paula Driscoll
Ramona Coker
Rick Duran
SalliAnne Maliguine

Sharie Ortega
Terri McNabb
Tina Kaufman
Tina Tillman
Josie Cruz
Michael Novak
Janice Hassler
Kelly Kagoshima
Janell Morris

HOW TO SAVE MONEY

Ken asked members at the last meeting if they had any thoughts on how money could be saved and to bring those ideas to this meeting. This will be a standing agenda item for future meetings. A list will be created from the December notes (see the attached list). At the next meeting a list will be provided of what is available on line and web addresses. CalSTRS has a list of contacts for counties and districts. SalliAnne Maliguine will inquire with CalSTRS about their process for updating and maintaining contacts and about obtaining approval to access their contact information (this has been completed). Broadcast Messages have been in place for about one and a half years and is an inexpensive tool to keep employers informed. It was suggested that all members be added to the database for Broadcast Messages (this has been completed). It was noted that Circular Letters are available on the Internet at: www.calpers.ca.gov.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The most recent Legislative updates are available on line. A handout was distributed. There are a lot of new bills coming out and not all have been reviewed by the analysts.

GOLDEN HANDSHAKE

A handout was distributed. The county superintendent of schools is the signatory of the resolutions and certifications for providing golden handshake window periods. Costs for providing the additional service credit must be made public two weeks prior to the adoption of the resolution. The district may publicize the costs and prepare the documents for the county superintendent of schools' signature. All information regarding the additional two years' service credit is available in the CalPERS Public Agency Procedures Manual. If requested, the contracts office can email the information package and forms to provide an additional window period, however, the signed forms must be returned through mail services due to the need for original signatures. The process can take as long as six months to complete after receiving the certified listing of qualified members who retire during the window period.

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE/RISK POOLS

This year the conference will be held in Anaheim, October 25-27. Of particular interest to members of this committee would be the session on risk pooling. Risk pools become effective July 2005 and can impact school employers and members. Please refer to Circular Letter 200-140-04 for additional information on this subject.

HIRING RETIRED ANNUITANTS

Retirees can be hired as a Retired Annuitant (RA) as long as employment doesn't go beyond 960 hours in a year. If the 960 hours are exceeded, the R.A. is reinstated. There are also rulings from IRS regarding separations and return to employment. Please see Circular Letter 200-143-04 for details.

SECTION 21228

Question: If a retiree was approved to work as a Bus Driver under Section 21228 at one district and then later transfers to a different district doing the same, job, does the retiree need to be re-approved under 21228?

Answer: Yes, the member needs to re-apply for 21228.

ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT SERVICES CREDIT (ARSC)

This is the name for the additional five services years that can be purchased due to AB 719, Air Time. With this new bill in place, effective January 1, a number of issues have risen. Please see agenda item #5 on the March 16, 2004, Benefits and Program Administration Committee www.calpers.ca.gov for complete discussion on these issues.

PROPOSED RULES ON STUDENT EXCEPTION TO FICA TAX

A handout was distributed that was received today from IRS. IRS is asking for comments on this proposal.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is April 28. Agenda items are: Legislation, ARSC, How to Save Money, Resources for Websites. If you have any agenda items to add, please contact Ann Music at: ann_music@calpers.ca.gov.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.